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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

Two Gateway Center

Newark, NJ 07102

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### CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

Mary Ann Madrid Maher,  
Petitioner

v.

Public Service Electric & Gas Company,  
Respondent

) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION  
) SETTLEMENT  
)  
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)

) BPU DOCKET NO. GC08100895U  
) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 1518-09

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

#### BY THE BOARD:

On October 6, 2008, Mary Ann Madrid Maher (Petitioner) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing regarding the charges by Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("Respondent") for gas services.

After the filing of Respondent's answer and counterclaim, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") on January 21, 2009 for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Richard McGill.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a settlement that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on June 3, 2009 and submitted to the Board on June 9, 2009, to which the settlement was attached, ALJ McGill found that the settlement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy and that it satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1. In the settlement, the parties have acknowledged that the Respondent had credited the Petitioner's account in the amount of \$4,588.40. Respondent also agreed to credit Petitioner's account in the amount of \$211.60 and after that credit is posted to the account, the parties agreed that the full amount of the remaining credit balance on the account will be refunded to Petitioner by check. Finally, Petitioner agreed to pay her bill for electric and gas services in a timely manner, going forward.

After review of the Initial Decision and the settlement of the parties, the Board HEREBY FINDS that, by the terms of the settlement, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and the settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED: 7/1/09

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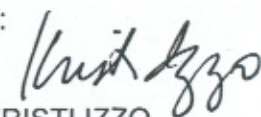
  
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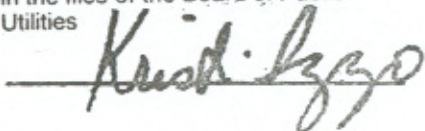
  
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MARY ANN MADRID MAHER  
v.  
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY

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**INITIAL DECISION**

**SETTLEMENT**

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**MARY ANN MADRID MAHER,**

Petitioner,

v.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC**

**AND GAS COMPANY,**

Respondent.

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Mary Ann Madrid Maher, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed: May 26, 2009

Decided: June 3, 2009

**BEFORE RICHARD MCGILL, ALJ:**

This matter is a billing dispute between Mary Ann Madrid Maher and Public Service Electric and Gas Company. The matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on January 28, 2009, for determination as a contested case.

Prior to hearing, the parties agreed to an amicable resolution of the matter and submitted a Stipulation of Settlement. Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, I **FIND** as follows:

1. The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures or the signatures of their representatives.
2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27-19.1 and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms of the settlement, and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the proceedings in this matter be concluded.

I hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

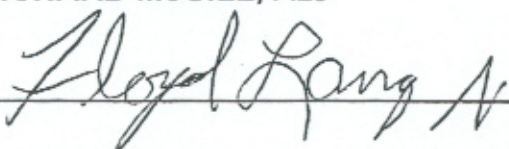
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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Mary Ann Madrid Maher ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 55 Rodney Street, Glen Rock, NJ (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

1. Petitioner received a credit of \$4,588.40 on December 8, 2008 on account no. 31 377 138 54.
2. Respondent agrees to give Petitioner an additional credit of \$211.60 toward the balance of the bill on account no. 31 377 138 54.
3. After the \$211.60 credit is posted to the account, the full amount of the remaining credit balance on the account will be refunded to customer via check payment.
4. Going forward, Petitioner agrees to pay her PSE&G bill for electric and gas service in a timely manner.

Petitioner: Mary Ann Madrid Maher

Respondent: PSE&G

By: Mary Ann Madrid Maher

By: Edward B. Sullivan  
Edward B. Sullivan  
Manager Customer Operations

Date: May 11, 2009

Date: 5/20/09

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